Mr. SPEAKER.—Next question, Sri H. S. Rudrappa. Questions Nos. 193, 208, 438 and 500 may taken up together.

Off-takes of foodgrains during the last six months.

Q.—193. **Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA** (Honnali).—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the off-take of foodgrains during the last six months;

(*b*) the quantity of foodgrains required till the end of this year ;

(*c*) the quantity of foodgrains available with the Government ?

A.—**Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA** (Minister for Home Affairs and Agriculture).—

(*a*) 11,146 tons.

(*b*) About 69,000 tons from 1st October 1952 to 31st December 1952.

(*c*) About 56,000 tons.

Food controls.

Q.—208. **Sri D. DEVARAJA URS** (Hunsur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they propose re-imposition of food controls :

(*b*) if so, why and in what manner?

A.—**Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA** (Minister for Home Affairs and Agriculture).—

(*a*) and (*b*) At present some restrictions imposed as part of control have been relaxed from time to time, while control as such has not yet been lifted. The question of re-imposition of controls is not at present contemplated.

Sri D. DEVARAJA URS.—I have no supplementaries.

Charges incurred on transport and sale of foodgrains.

Q.—438. **Sri T. N. MUDALAGIRI GOWDA** (Kunigal).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the amount of commission that is being paid per palla of foodgrains sold in City rationed areas ;

(*b*) the rate of commission that is being paid in other places ;

(*c*) the price of empty gunny bag fixed when purchasing food grains ;

(*d*) the rate of transport charges paid for transporting foodgrains from Government depots to the places where they are sold ?

A.—**Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA** (Minister for Home Affairs and Agriculture).—

(*a*) Bangalore City—Rs. 1-2-0 per palla of cereals subject to retailers providing themselves with stationery, bill books and registers, etc.

Davangere and Kolar Gold Field—Re. 0-12-0 per palla of cereals exclusive of stationery which is provided for by Government.

(*b*) Re. 0-12-0 per palla of cereals exclusive of stationery which is provided for by Government.

(*c*) (i) In the case of imported foodgrains, the pool price is inclusive of gunny.

(ii) In the case of local purchase, gunny is that of Government purchased through the Food Ministry of the Government of India. Gunnies were last purchased in 1950 at a cost of Rs. 155-12-0 per 130 gunnies.

(*d*) There is no uniform rate. It varies according to distance. In Bangalore alone, it varies between Re. 0-1-10 per bag to Re. 0-2-7 per bag.

Foodgrains supplied in September in Kolar District excluding Gold Fields area.

Q.—500. **Sri G. PAPANNA** (Sidlaghatta-Chikballapur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of persons that were obtaining rations during last September in Kolar District excluding the Fields area ;

(*b*) the total quantity of foodgrains supplied during the month of September ;

(*c*) the average quantity of foodgrains supplied per head ?